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Food supply arrangements

From K. Seshagiri Rao - Station master - Kralkere -

No. Papa Dated 15-9-19 Received 19/30-9-19

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Prays that the balance of Rs 22-3-7 due to him on account of the price of 100 pallas of ragi consigned from him by the Amildar of Kralkere - may be ordered to be paid to him - early

NOTES AND ORDERS.

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Serial No. 126

To

Mr. K. Seshagiri Rao
Station Master
Holalkere.

No. G. 9530 & 31.10.1919

Intimates that Govt see no reason to revise the Dy Com^r order.

To

The Dy Com^r Chitaldroog &c

No. G. 9531 & 31.10.19

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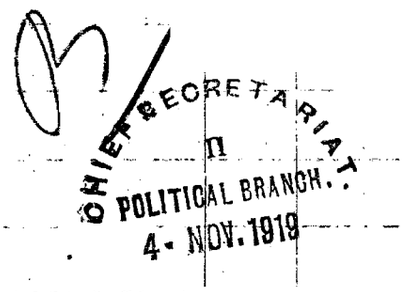

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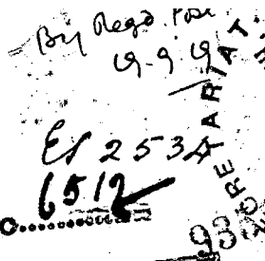

Holalkere

Dated 15/9/19

DIARY NO. 6512

DEWAN'S OFFICE
Date of Receipt 19-9-19
Petn. Regr. No. 349

To
The Dewan
BANGALORE.

Sir,

I beg to bring the following few lines to your honour's kind consideration and favourable orders regarding the 100 pallas of ragi purchased of me by the Deputy Commissioner, Chitaldrug District through the Amildar, Holalkere Taluq.

2. I owned nearly 400 pallas of ragi in the Muttagadur Village of the Holalkere Taluq. As there was great need for ragi in Chitaldrug and other Taluqs, the Deputy Commissioner, Chitaldrug issued an order on 30-1-19 to the Amildar, Holalkere to send to the Chitaldrug Grain Depot after commandeering the said ragi at 55 rupees for 640 seers, if I did not sell it at that rate. I wrote to the Amildar on 25-2-19 explaining my inability to give away the whole quantity of ragi as much of it was required for the use of my brothers and their family in the Dharwar District and stating that I was willing to sell about 75 pallas @ 9 seers per rupee, the then prevailing Market rate at Muttagadur village.

3. I also requested the Deputy Commissioner in my letter of the 2nd March 19 to allow me to export 200 bags of ragi to Dharwar District for my people for their consumption. The Deputy Commissioner ordered on 11-4-19 that it was not possible to allow any quantity of ragi to be exported outside the state, that 25 pallas of ragi might be retained by me for local use, that 100 pallas be given to the Amildar, Holalkere @ 9 seers per rupee and that necessary instructions would be issued by the Amildar for the disposal of the rest.

4. The Amildar came to Muttagaderr and the grain pits were got opened in his presence, the ragi that was close to the sides and bottom of the pit being separated from the good ragi in the middle and heaped into two.

hile the ragi was thus exposed to the wind and rain the amildar left the place to Holalkere asking the Sheikdar, Taluq Inspector, Police Constable the Patel and the Begars to keep watch over the ~~heaps~~ Leaks and directing me to hand over the 100 pallas of ragi out of it @ 9 seers per rupee and not to dispose of the rest without his express permission. I also returned to Holalkere station with the Amildar.

6. As directed by the Amildar the Taluk Sheristedar came to Uttagadeer to take charge of the ragi after measurement. I accompanied him and did the needful. The Sheristedar sent the bags to Chitaldrug and the Amildar reported to the Deputy Commissioner that he had sent the 100 bags of ragi after purchasing the same at 9 seers per rupee.

7. On 6-6-19 I complained to the Deputy Commissioner that I did not get the amount for the ragi purchased of me and requested him to give me permission to sell the remaining ragi locally if the Government was not willing to purchase the same at 8 seers per rupee and at the same time brought to his notice that the Amildar was preventing me from disposing of the remaining ragi. The Deputy Commissioner was then pleased to order that the money pertaining to the 100 bags of ragi would be paid early as the matter was pending settlement of a Committee(at Chitaldrug) for fixing the price of ragi which was reported by the Depot Officer, Chitaldrug to be bad and that I might dispose of the rest of the ragi with me as the same was not required by Government.

8. In spite of the specific orders of the Deputy Commissioner in the matter of the disposal of the remaining ragi with me the Amildar issued me a written order on 22-6-19 not to dispose of the ragi unless the opinion of the Sanitary Commissioner was obtained as to its - - suitability for human consumption. I was surprised to see this order. I am led to believe that after the receipt of an order from the Deputy Commissioner asking him to explain how he sent bad ragi, it appears, the Amildar made a report to the Deputy Commissioner that I had somehow got mixed up the good and bad ragi and that the Sheristedar had reported to him that there was only one heap of ragi I stood of two which he went to Uttagadeer for taking measurement(as can be seen from para 2 of

the Deputy Commissioner's order dated 31-5-19, copy enclosed) This statement is utterly false and has been made by the Amildar to shake off the blame. The Amildar in his first report while sending the ragi to Chitaldrug did not mention this fact and it was only when the Dy: Commissioner asked his explanation he made mention of this fact. If this was a fact nothing could have prevented the Amildar from noting this in his first report and it might be stated in passing that the Sheristedar would not have failed to report this fact to the Amildar on his return from Huttagadeer that there was only one heap of ragi instead of two when he visited Huttagadeer for taking measurement or about the quality of the ragi sent to Chitaldrug. The Sheristadar might even now say that he came to know of the two heaps only after the receipt of the Deputy Commissioner's order. This, if made, would be doubly false for the Taluq officials who were on the spot to keep watch over the heaps would not have failed to report the Sheristedar the existence of only one heap instead of two. It was only after the receipt of the order dated 12-6-19 from the Deputy Commissioner, the Amildar made bold to report (after the lapse of nearly a month from the date of taking over charge of the 100 bags of ragi by the Sheristedar) that good and bad ragi had somehow been got mixed up by my only servant. I will leave this matter to your honour's kind consideration to judge how my single servant on the spot could have done this in spite of the presence of the good number of Taluq officials on the spot. Considering that he would be required to make good the amount, the Amildar has cooked up this false report.

9. This report of the Amildar led the Deputy Commissioner to pass an order that I should be paid the amount agreed upon for 80 bags and Rs .10 per palla for the remaining bags(20) provided the ragi be not harmful (vide copy of oder dated 31-5-19 enclosed) This order has put me to a loss of Rs.---7 apart from the loss I incurred owing to the Amildar' orders not to dispose of ragi even though there was a definite order from his superior officer for its disposal.

10. In this connection I beg to state that the ragi supplied by me was sent by the Dept Officer, Chitaldrug for opinion to the Sanitary

Commissioner, who seems to have opined the ragi to be very good. The Committee appointed at Chitaldrug for fixing the price has also given an opinion on to the effect that the raggi may be purchased at 9 seers per rupee at Huttagadeer. In fact this ragi was sold by the Depot Officer, Chitaldrug at 8¼ seer per rupee and nobody who took the ragi for consumption complained of any illness whatever. On the other hand I am given to understand that people appreciated the Ragi as being the best. The ragi was seen by the Amildar before purchase and the price was also settled at 9 seers per rupee by him. ~~There was nothing~~. There was nothing prevailing for the Amildar or the Cheristadar not to take delivery of the ragi if he found the same to be bad before the express orders of his superiors in the matter. If the Amildar had not prohibited me from selling the ragi after the Cheristedar taking took charge of 100 bags, I would have sold the balance to the local needy who were starving without ragi - in the vicinity of Huttagadeer and Holalkere and who in fact contracted with me to purchase 150 bags and advanced Rs.500/-. The ragi might be smelling bad as it was kept in pits for a sufficiently long period of about 5 years and as it was not sufficiently exposed to the sun after its removal from the grain pits.

11. After the advent of the present Deputy Commissioner Mr Venkata Rao I prayed for the reconsideration of the order and I also requested a local inspection to be to satisfy the existence of the bad ragi that was separated and kept apart by the Amildar during his visit for opening the grain pits. To my misfortune the Deputy Commissioner ordered that he could not reconsider the matter(vide copy of order dated 18-5-19, enclosed) and no local inspection was done as prayed for.

12. In these circumstances I humbly beg to request that the entire file of correspondence may be called for and an order directing the payment of Rs.-3-7 withheld by the Deputy Commissioner may be passed.

I beg to remain,
Sir,
your most obedient servant

K Sechagiri Rao

Station Master,
Holalkere station.

G.R.S. 29.]

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

DRAFT ENDORSEMENT ON | File No.
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No. 2.8.122

Dated———, *the*———*190* .

Issued on the 30.9.12

~~Copy~~ forwarded to the Dy Com~ Cuttack for disposal & report of the action taken. early

By Order, etc.

30.9.12
Revenue Secy

List of papers forwarded.

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The Revenue Officer

Bangalore.

Chief Secty

Sec 28 12/10/19

In attaching herewith a copy of the order passed by the Revenue Commissioner I request you to kindly consider my appeal already sent to your office & pray for justice

I beg to remain

Sir.

your most obedt

K. Srinivasa Rao

S. M.

Holalkere

Copy

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1st October 1919.

To

Endorsement granted to K. Seshagiri Rao Station Master Holalkere in reply to his petition noted the margin.

Pet. 2nd T.
Dated 18th Sept 19
Subject Appealing against the Chitaldoorg Dy. Commissioner's order Re cost of Rags commandeered from him.

The petitioner is informed that no appeal lies to the undersigned against the Dy. Commissioner's order and that he may therefore approach Government in the matter if so advised.

Signed
Revenue Commr.
for Revenue Commrs.

To

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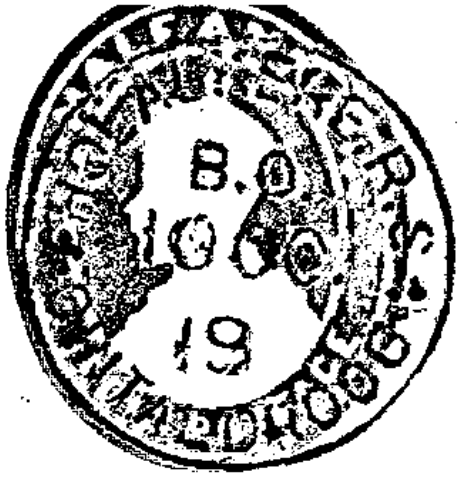

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From The Deputy Commissioner, Chittagong Dist.

To The Chief Secretary to Government of Bengal.

Dated Bangalore.

Despatched 25-10-19. Sd. Scott-Moncrieff

Received 28 OCT 1919.

General No. Reference 27 of 19-2

No.

Enclosure No. Petition.

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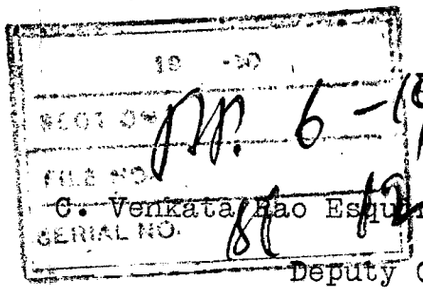
re the claims of Rs. 22-3-) by the Station master Hoskere for the supply of 100 Pallies of rice to the Grain Depot Officer, Chittaldroog.

DIARY NO. 7622

Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Chitaldrug District



Dated Chitaldrug, 25th October 1919.

From

C. Venkata Rao Esquire B.A.,
Deputy Commissioner,
C H I T A L D R U G.

To

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer Esquire B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of
HIs Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
B A N G A L O R E.

Sir,

With reference to your No. C. G. 122 dated 30th September 1919 calling for a report on the action taken on the petition of K. Seshagiri Rao, Station Master, Holalkere claiming Rs 22-3-7 in addition to what has been paid towards 100 pallas of ragi supplied by him to the Amildar, Holalkere, I have the honor to state as follows:-

Under the orders of my predecessor Mr. Zahiruddin Mecci the Amildar, Holalkere negotiated with the petitioner for 100 pallas of ragi for the Chitaldrug Grain Depot out of the stock the latter had in the grain pits near the Sasalu Railway station The ragi was taken out of the pits in the presence of the Amilda and stocked in 3 separate heaps according to its quality viz red and good ragi which was in the centre of the pit, black and badly smelling ragi which was close to the sides and rotten ragi that was sticking to the sides and bottom of the pit. The barga was struck by the Amildar at 9 seers per rupee for 100 pallas of good ragi and as the same had to be dried in the sun, he could not take charge of the grain on the very day the rate was fixed. But somehow the petitioner seems to have managed to palm off 20 pallas of black and badly smelling ragi along with 80 pallas of good and red ragi in the absence of the Amildar. That the 100 pallas in question contained 80 pallas of good and

20 pallas of stinking ragi is a fact ~~that is~~ beyond dispute and also admitted by the petitioner himself.

Further the contents of the 20 bags under reference were stinking so badly that the sample had to be sent to the Sanitary Commissioner for opinion before exposing them for sale. This ragi was also inspected by the Food Controller on 27th May 1919 when he visited the Chitaldrug Grain Depot where it had been stocked. The question now resolves itself into, whether a responsible Government Officer of the status of Amildar would have purchased two different qualities, one of which admittedly inferior, at one and the same price for supply, to Head Quarter Grain Depot particularly when a large quantity of good ragi was still available with the vendee, whether he has not been duped by the station master behind his back. The probabilities are decidedly against the petitioner. Since the supply made by the petitioner contained highly inferior quality of ragi mixed up with the good quality, the vendee cannot with any justification expect the same price for both the qualities and it is for these reasons, I understand, that my predecessor fixed the price at 10 seers per rupee in respect of the inferior quality and for the same reasons I also declined to interfere with the orders of my predecessor and issued an endorsement to this effect to the petitioner on his appeal. The petition under reference is herewith returned.

I have the honor to be,

S i r,

Your most obedient servant,

Deputy Commissioner,
Chitaldrug District.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

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Date of issue 31/10

Signed by [illegible]

No. G 9530 Emg

Endorsement

To

Mr K. Seshagiri Rao
Station master
Hallkere.

With refee to his
petn & 15th Sept. 1919
praying for the re-
consideration of the
cost of the Dy Com-
rs Chargeing in regard

over.

The Magistrate of the
Police of No 22 - 3 - 7 Rue
Lecourbe an account of
the price of rain purchased
from him by the Guardian
of Hospitals, his Lordship has
is informed that Court
see no reason to revise
its Order
~~Consider the Order~~
in the matter -

2. The Ambassador to
his Note are herewith
returned

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